

PAUL AGAIN RANKS FIRST IN ANNUAL "TAXPAYERS' FRIEND" RATING

Anti-Tax Voting Record #1 out of 435 Representatives!

Washington, DC: For the third year running, Congressman Ron Paul ranked first in the annual "Taxpayers' Friend" rating issued by the nonpartisan National Taxpayers Union. While average lawmakers voted to reduce federal taxes less than half the time, Paul consistently voted against any and all tax hikes, making him the most pro-taxpayer member in the House of Representatives. No other representative showed a greater commitment to reducing federal spending, taxes, regulations, and debt.

"Congressman Ron Paul's voting record once again was the best in the entire House for 2001," stated NTU president John Berthoud. "While many in Congress talk about reducing the size of government, he backed up those words with votes. Ron Paul is one of our most consistent and effective allies in the battle to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington. If every member of Congress voted as responsibly as Ron Paul did in 2001, Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and less waste in government. He truly has earned the title 'Taxpayers' Friend.'"

NTU is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, citizen organization that works for lower taxes, less wasteful spending, and greater government accountability. Unlike other organizations, NTU does not base its annual rating on a few heavily-weighted key votes. Instead, NTU scores all tax-related votes for the year equally, giving the best overall picture of each lawmaker's record.